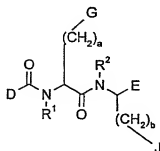


Abstract

Compounds of peptide mimetic nature having the general formula I



formula I

wherein a and b are independently 1 or 2, R¹ and R² are independently H or C₁₋₆alkyl, G and J are independently, inter alia, aromats, and D and E are independently several different groups are growth hormone secretagogous with improved bioavailability.